

2013 Needs Assessment for Baldwin County

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Accomplishments

Served 36 families via YAP Served 225 families via Chemical Abuse Prevention Program
Outward Bound sustained services via additional grants BCMH Community Alliance maintained tip line/star search
Wilderness Program expansion to include girls Drug Court Foundation presentations in Middle/High Schools
Additional K4 classrooms added for a total of 23 Roller Coaster Program via Project Rebound via Schools
Maintained grant monies for 5000 kids to receive internet safety education
Mandatory Reporter Training for over 1500 providers

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First Priority

Need related to children of this county

Support a reduction of Juvenile crime via diversion and prevention programs.

Existing resources available to help meet this need include:	Resources needed but unavailable to meet this need include:
Outward Bound Baldwin County Mental Health/Community Alliance Baldwin Youth Services/Counseling Solutions Program Camp Horizon Residential Wilderness Program Chemical Abuse Prevention Program Youth Advocate BCSO Community Outreach via Red Ribbon Essay Sponsorship & Shining Star Camps BCBOE Early Warning Attendance Program County commission Sponsorships to Lyman Ward Summer Program Big Brothers/Big Sisters Alive at 25	Better ability to identify specialized populations that can be served, ie homeless youth, disabled youth, children of incarcerated parents. Evening Reporting Center for at-risk Juveniles. Anger Management specifically targeted programs for Youth. More Educational effort for parents re: synthetic drugs and various ramifications of drug use.

Action steps that will result in progress toward meeting the identified need:

Continue to expand and support diversion programs such as those listed above to reduce filings.

Encourage development of online directory of services to allow JPO, BCBOE and others to make better referrals.

Develop diversion programs at the school levels utilizing the Teen Court Model.

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Second Priority

Need related to children of this county

Prevention of crimes against children/reducing the number of child victims.

Existing resources available to help meet this need include:	Resources needed but unavailable to meet this need include:
DHR child protection Unit Parent/Child Counseling--BYS Educational Efforts in schools via CARE House Counseling via BCMH & Lighthouse Family Service Center REAP via BCMH assisting in parenting training Peer Helper Programs Family Promise Shelter Program DA Victim Service Unit 2-1-1 Directory	Online services directory to assist agencies in referring families for assistance in preventing abuse/domestic violence. Better education for families and parents in particular to identify internet safety issues and synthetic drug use issues. Raise parental awareness re: bullying issues.

Action steps that will result in progress toward meeting the identified need:

Continue training for mandatory reporters to better assist families with allegations of abuse.

Support programs such as community of concern and peer helpers to assist in identifying bullying, drug abuse, and mental health issues in school settings.

Continue to support intercourt protocol to prioritize needs of children in custodial care to create permanency for child victims.

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Third Priority

Need related to children of this county

Increase number of foster care homes of all types.

Existing resources available to help meet this need include:	Resources needed but unavailable to meet this need include:
DHR training classes for potential foster parents Foster Parent Advisory Council Social worker assistance to take foster children to various appointments Public Service announcements/advertising re: foster parent recruitment APAC via DHR re: adoption services center	Better placed advertising re: foster parent recruitment (most is presently in the middle of the night/wee hours of morning). Creation of Mentor Program for new Foster Parents. More substitute care plans to provide respite for Foster Parents. Financial incentives to refer other families to become Foster Parents.

Action steps that will result in progress toward meeting the identified need:

Encourage existing Foster Parents to rely on Social workers for transportation assistance for foster children.

Encourage networking between and among Foster Parents to assist one another and promote the benefits of being a Foster Parent to others.

Promote/educate potential foster parents/children as to expectations of one another.